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1. Japanese patent publication no. 2002-107128.
2. Japanese patent publication no. 2-300608.
3. Japanese patent publication no. 63-289406.
4. Japanese patent publication no. 2001-264035. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1 and 24 of the specification of the present application.

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